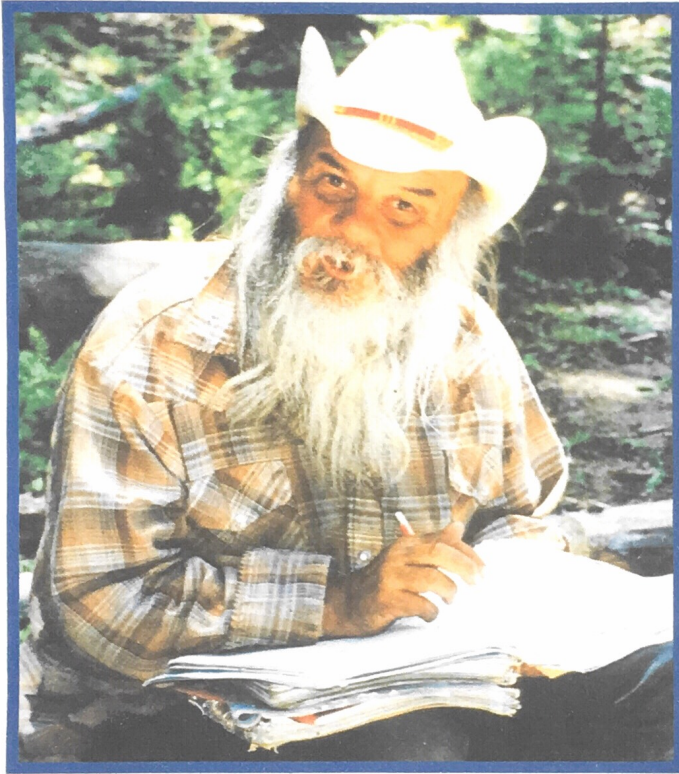


Rainbow Family

Life Stories



by Jodey Bateman.
Interviews with Rainbow
Family of Living Light
folks conducted between
1977 and 2008.
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04.A BARRY (PLUNKER) - "We Are a People,
- introduction by Jodey We Are a Culture"
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interviewed in 1979, 1981 and 1984

BARRY (Plunker) We Are a People, We Are a Culture
 with comments by Tony Angel, Chuck Windson, Sunny, Jayson and Feather. p8

I interviewed Barry for this life story at the 1979 Arizona Gathering. Barry was very busy, so he only had time to talk about his childhood, his service in the Navy and his time in Haight Ashbury. At the 1981 Washington Gathering, Barry devoted every night for a week to telling a circle of people about the history of the gatherings. As part of that history he told much about his own life. I copied down as much of Barry's talks as I could. Chuck Windson, Jayson, Feather and Sunny all spoke some to the circle about past gatherings. I took down what they said also. I took down more from Barry in July, 1984.

However in all this material, a great deal is missing of Barry's personal life which must have had a major influence on Rainbow. When I interviewed Barry in 1979, he only said a few sentences about Sunny, who has shared so much of life with him and who is the mother of his son Shonoka (their daughter Megan had not been born at the time of the interview.)

It was not until 1982 that I knew that Barry had been married to a woman named Ellen before he met Sunny. In 1984 Barry and I were going through Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. He pointed to a small hill and said "Over there is where I married Ellen July 22, 1967 - a historical note of minor importance. We had a license and a minister."

In 1969 when Barry and Ellen moved to New York. A former professor of Ellen's named Patterson Brown started visiting them while they lived there. Barry says he and Ellen interested Patterson in a spiritual path. Patterson later became the leader of a group called the Christ Brotherhood (not to be confused with The Christ Family). The Christ Brotherhood has also been known by other names - the Children of Light, the Messianic Brotherhood and the Christmas Brotherhood.

In 1969, Barry and Ellen broke up and he started living with a woman named Lila who had a small son and daughter. He lived with her until 1971. Ellen joined Patterson's Christ Brotherhood. In 1973,

Patterson and the Christ Brotherhood called for the second Rainbow Gathering which was a complete surprise to Barry and Garrick, who had not planned to have another gathering.

Ellen left the Christ Brotherhood in 1983 and is reportedly writing a book on her experiences in it.

Before proceeding with Barry's story, here are some of the words that mean the most to him.]

The Great Invocation - by Alice Bailey

From the point of light within the Mind of God

Let light stream forth into the minds of humankind.

Let light descend on Earth.

From the point of love within the Heart of God

Let love stream forth into the hearts of humankind.

May Christ return to Earth.

From the center where the Will of God is known

Let purpose guide the little wills of humankind

That purpose that the Masters know and serve.

From the center which we call the race of humankind

Let the plan of Love and Light work out

And may it seal the door where evil dwells

Let Light and Love and power

Restore the Plan on Earth.